GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR BURN CASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Uchtam Nyayalaya ke Nirdeshon ka Aaj Tak Palan Nahin Ho Saka` appeared in the Nav bharat Times dated the June 7, 2000;

(b) if so, whether separate arrangements have been made in Government hospitals to treat the burnt either by fire or bomb blast accident in the country particularly in Delhi;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to permit adequate arrangements for the treatment of such cases in the Government Hospitals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c)Separate Burn Ward is in existence in Safdarjung Hospital and Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, New Delhi.Facilities for treatment of mild degree of burn cases are available in LHMC & Associated Hospitals, New Delhi.Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that adequate arrangement to treat the burn patients already exists in Lok Nayak Hospital, New Delhi.In Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, provision has been made of 18 bedded well furnished special burn ward and in Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital separate arrangements are being made with 30 bed strength. In hospitals, where separate burn ward does not exist, the patients brought to hospital are being given first aid/treatment and if required transferred to other hospitals in hospital ambulances in supervision of Doctors.

The AIIMS does not have an exclusive burns unit which can cater to a large number of patients.All such patients reporting to AIIMS casualty are referred to Safdarjung Hospital after being given first-aid and after stabilization.

MCD has informed that there is no separate Burn Department in any ofMCDhospitals. However, arrangements to treat minor burn cases upto 12% exist in Hindu Rao Hospital.

NDMC has informed that there is only one 150 bedded hospital for all types of diseases and there is no separate ward for burnt cases. The burnt patients are immediately informed that there is no burn unit in the hospital.

`Health` is a State subject under the Constitution of India and it is the responsibility of respective State Government to provide separate arrangements for burn patients in the hospitals under their administrative control.

(d) All efforts are made and every possible measures are taken to treat burn patients in Central Government Hospitals in Delhi.